(i) 20 small automatic exchanges were immobilised for a week.

(ii) 325 long distance Public Telephone were cut off.

(iii) About 3500 telephones remains inoperative for a week.

(iv) 250 route kilometers of trunk alignment have been damaged.

In addition about 30,000 telephones affected in Madras city itself.

90 per cent of interruptions have been restored and the work is in progress for restoration of the remaining installations/circuits.

Offer to Finance Telecommunication Project in Delhi and Bombay by International Consortia

1573. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS b« pleased to state:

fa) whether offers have been made by three International consortia of telecommunications to finance the telecommunication projects in Delhi and Bombay; nad

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Governments reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS; (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Alcatel Thomson of France, AT&T and Philips of Holland, M/s. Siemens of Germany and M|s. C. TOH of Japan have offered mixed financial packages consisting of commercial loans and bilateral Government to Government credits for supply of equipments and services for expansion and upgradation cf telecommunication networks in general and Delhi and Bombay in particular.

The Government is considering the offers in the light of the 7th Plan allocation of the Department.

Telecommunication Corporations for Calcutta and Bombay

1574. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will tho Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up two separate telecommunication corporations for Calcutta and Bombay^ and

(b) if so, what are details (hereof and what will be the advantages and outlay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken any decision in the matter.

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1575. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान एच० एम०टी० के कारखाने में कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ और घड़ियों के निर्यात को रोकने में कहां तक सफलता मिली है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि एच० एम०टी० की घड़ियों के मूल्य विदेशी-घड़ियों विशेष रूप से इलेक्ट्रानिक घड़ियों के मूल्यों के मुकाबले अधिक है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप बड़े पैमाने पर विदेशी-घड़ियों की देश में तस्करी की जा रही है, और

(ग) क्या सरकार उत्पादन में वृद्धि तथा मूल्यों में कमी द्वारा घड़ियों के निर्यात और तस्करी को रोकने हेतु कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों में एच एम० टी० घड़ियों का उत्पादन निम्न प्रकार था :

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